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(Federal Power Commission-Docket No. E-8057)

On February 28, 1973, Comision Federal de Electricidad (Permittee), an agency of the Republic of Mexico, in an application filed with the Federal Power Commission in Docket No. E-8057, pursuant to Executive Order No. 10485, dated September 3, 1953, requested authorization to construct, operate, maintain and connect at the international border between the United States and Mexico the facilities described in Article 2, infra, for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and Mexico. Permittee has indicated to the Commission that this line will be used to interchange electric energy in accordance with an authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico over the facilities designated in this Docket, pursuant to Section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

The Secretary of State, by letter dated October 1, 1974 and the Secretary of Defense, by letter dated September 27, 1974 favorably recommend that a Permit be granted as hereinafter provided.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission finds that the issuance of a Permit, as hereinafter provided, is appropriate and consistent with the public interest.

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 10485, dated September 3, 1953, and the Commission's Regulations thereunder, permission is hereby granted to Permittee to construct, operate, maintain and connect the electric transmission facilities described in Article 2, infra, at the

international border between the United States and Mexico upon the following conditions.

Article 1. The facilities herein described shall be subject to all conditions, provisions and requirements of this Permit. This permit may be modified or revoked by the President of the United States or the Federal Power Commission, and may be amended by the Federal Power Commission upon proper application therefore.

Article 2. The facilities covered by and subject to this Permit shall include:

One 3-phase electric power line operating nominally at 138,000 volts, 60 Hertz, extending across the international border from a point near Laredo, Texas, to Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

No substantial change shall hereafter be made in the above described facilities and operation thereof authorized by the Permit unless and until such change shall have been approved by the Commission.

Article 3. Insofar as the electric facilities authorized herein, or which may be subsequently included herein by modification or amendment, are utilized for the transmission of electric energy from the United States to Mexico, they may be utilized for such transmission only in the amount, at the rate and in the manner authorized by the Commission under Section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

Article 4. The operation, maintenance and connection of the aforesaid facilities shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the Division Engineer, Corps of Engineers, United States Army in Dallas, Texas, who is in

charge of the district affected herein, and a representative of the Commission, both of whom shall be authorized representatives of the United States for such purposes. Permittee shall allow officers or employees of the United States showing proper credentials free and unrestricted access into, through and across any lands occupied by said facilities in the performance of their official duties.

Article 5. In the operation, maintenance and connection of the facilities herein specified, Permittee shall place and maintain suitable structures to reduce to a reasonable degree the possibility of contact or inductive interference between its transmission facilities and any other facilities not owned by Permittee.

Article 6. If, in the future, it should appear to the Secretary of the Army that any facilities or operations permitted hereunder cause unreasonable obstructions to the free navigation of any of the navigable waters of the United States, Permittee may be required, upon notice from the Secretary of the Army, to remove or alter the same so as to render navigation through such waters free and unobstructed.

Article 7. Permittee shall comply promptly with any regulations or instructions affecting the facilities, or any part thereof, owned by it and covered by this Permit which may be issued by the President of the United States or any government department or agency of the United States for the aid and protection of aerial navigation.

Article 8. Permittee shall be liable for all damages occasioned to the property of others by the operation, maintenance and connection of the facilities owned by it and covered by this Permit, and in no event shall the United States be liable therefor. Permittee shall do everything reasonably within its power to prevent or suppress fires on or near any land occupied under this Permit.


Article 9. Permittee shall make, keep and preserve full and complete records with respect to the flow of all electric energy transmitted between the United States and Mexico over the facilities authorized herein; and shall furnish in triplicate to the Commission, with respect to such transmission of energy, reports annually on or before February 15, showing the gross amount of kilowatt-hours received, the maximum rate of transmission in kilowatts, and the consideration paid therefor during each month of the preceding calendar year.

Article 10. Neither this Permit nor the facilities, or any part thereof, covered by this Permit, shall be transferable or assignable, but in the event of the involuntary transfer of the facilities by operation of law (including such transfers to receivers, trustees, or purchasers under foreclosure or judicial sale) the Permit shall continue in effect temporarily for a reasonable time thereafter pending the making of an application for a new Permit and decision thereon, provided notice is promptly given in writing to the Commission accompanied by a statement that the facilities authorized by this Permit remain substantially the same as before the transfer. Permittee shall maintain the facilities, or any part thereof, owned, operated, maintained and connected by it as described above in a condition of repair for the efficient operation of said facilities in the transmission of electric energy, and shall make all necessary renewals and replacements.

Article 11. Upon the termination, revocation or surrender of this Permit, the facilities herein authorized, which are owned, operated, maintained and connected by Permittee, shall be removed within such time as the Commission may specify and at the expense of Permittee. Upon failure of Permittee to remove such facilities or any portion thereof, the Commission may direct that possession of the same may be taken and the facilities removed at the expense of Permittee, and Permittee shall have no claim for damages by reason of such possession or removal.

Article 12. When in the opinion of the President of the United States, evidenced by a written order addressed to Permittee, the safety of the United States demands it, the United States shall have the right to enter upon and take possession of the facilities, or any part thereof, owned, operated, maintained and connected by Permittee under this Permit, and all contracts covering the transmission of electric energy by means of said facilities, or any part thereof, and shall retain possession, management and control thereof for such length of time as may appear to the President to be necessary to accomplish said purpose and then restore possession and control to Permittee; and in the event that the United States shall exercise such right, it shall pay to Permittee just and fair compensation for the use of said facilities as may be fixed by the Commission upon the basis of a reasonable profit in time of peace and the cost of restoring said facilities to as good condition as existed at the taking over thereof, less the reasonable value of any improvements that may be made thereto by the United States and which are valuable and serviceable to Permittee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I, John N. Nassikas, have hereunto signed my name this 24th day of January, 1975, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia.


Chairman of the
Federal Power Commission